

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the..... H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL" Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake to bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for the duration of hostilities, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the Regulations made in pursuance thereof for the government of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, and to the customs and usages of His Majesty's Canadian Naval Service.

(b) To report for active service if called upon in time of war or emergency, and, if called into active service, to serve ashore or afloat as may be directed, according to where my services are required.

(c) To keep in good repair and condition the articles of uniform and any articles of outfit which may be issued to me and to return them to the nearest Divisional Commanding Officer or to Training Headquarters prior to my discharge or when required so to do by any authorized person, or to pay compensation for any loss or damage thereto other than fair wear and tear; and also not to wear such uniform or outfit (which is and remains the property of the Crown) except when on naval duty.

(d) To undergo vaccination or re-vaccination, or inoculation, as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

Dated this..... 14th day of..... August, 1942

Signature of applicant..... Edward Pressner

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named, in my presence, and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this..... 14th day of..... August, 1942

.....
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,..... Edward PRESSNER do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Britannic Majesty, His heirs and successors according to law.

Signature of Applicant..... Edward Pressner
Witness.....

Date..... 14th August, 1942 Rank..... Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

..... Edward PRESSNER having been duly enrolled to serve in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, I have caused his name and every prescribed particular to be recorded in the Record Book of the..... H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL" Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

.....
Attesting Officer.
Sub-Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.
R.C.N.V.R. Division
(or other establishment)..... H.M.C.S. "MONTREAL"

..... 14th August 194 2

NOTE.—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Divisional Commanding Officer's Record Book, is to be forwarded to Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

The Certificate of medical examination, B-207, and certificates of previous service are to be sent to Headquarters, Ottawa, with this form.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after they have been examined at Headquarters, Ottawa.

This is to acknowledge that I have not been induced to enter the Branch of the Naval Service by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to another Branch.

.....
Edward Pressner
Signature

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Edward PRESSNER

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters <u>R.C.N.B. Halifax</u>	R.C.N.V.R. Division <u>H.M.C.S. Montreal</u>	Official Number... <u>V 45330</u>
Date of Birth... <u>21 Sept. 1921</u>		Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (In pencil) <u>Mother: Victoria Pressner 1592 Centre St., Montreal, Que.</u>
Place of Birth... <u>Hamilton, Ont.</u>		
Place of Residence... <u>1592 Centre St., Montreal, Que.</u>		
Trade brought up to... <u>Pantryman</u>		
Religion... <u>Roman Catholic</u>		
Can Swim:—P.P. kept Date <u>2nd November 1942</u>		Signature... <u>[Signature]</u> Rank... <u>fn CD</u>
P.S.T. Date... 19... Signature... Rank...		

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE				MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc.		
Date of Actual Volunteering	Date of Enrolment or re-enrolment	Period Volunteered for	Rating on Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Date of		Nature of Decoration
				Award	Presentation	
<u>27 July '42</u>	<u>14 Aug. '42</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>P/ Sturd</u>	<u>24 MCH '44</u>	<u>24 MCH '44</u>	<u>Can. Volunteer Service Medal - 6 Year - Post. Award</u>
				<u>24 MCH '44</u>	<u>1939-43 Star</u>	<u>Post. Award</u>

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<u>5</u>	<u>8 1/2</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Scars on middle knuckle left hand.</u>
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service								
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service								
Further Description if necessary								

TRANSFER BETWEEN DIVISIONS			TRANSFER—LISTS A AND B		
From	To	Date	List	Date	Authority

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
1942	H.M.C.S. Montreal		P/ Sturd	14 Aug '42	26 Aug '42	
				Active Service		
1942	H.M.C.S. Montreal		P/ Sturd	27 Aug '42	30 Aug '42	
---	H.M.C.S. "York"		"	31 Aug '42	23 Oct '42	
	Naden		"	24 Oct 1942	1942	
	Stadacona		"	1 Dec '42	30 Nov '42	
	Stadacona (Andre Dupre)		"	18 Dec '42	17 Dec '42	
	Stadacona		"	5 Jan '43	4 Jan '43	
	Stadacona (St. Elain)		"	12 June '43	11 June '43	
	Stadacona		"	1 Feb '44	31 Jan '44	
	Avalon (Sheena)		"	1 Feb '44	29 Feb '44	
	NIOBE (-"-)		"	1 Apr '44	25 Oct '44	
	Disks		"	26 Oct '44		
						CNMO's Signal 2815971 of October 1944

Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
13 May 43	Granted S.C. TWA # 68479	

V45330

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

(113-P-2057)

V45330

OFFICIAL NUMBER V45330

NAME PRESSNER Edward DATE OF BIRTH 21 Sept., 1921.
 (Surname) (Given Names)
 PLACE OF BIRTH Hamilton, Ont. OCCUPATION Pantryman (Mount Royal Hotel)
 RELIGION Roman Catholic. EDUCATION 3 yr. High.
 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 1592 Centre St., Town Montreal, Province, etc. Que.

ENGAGEMENTS				DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year									From	To
14	8	42	H.O.	5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Black	Brn.	Dark	Scar on middle knuckle left hand.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mother NAME (in pencil) Victor J. Pressner
 ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 1592 Centre St. Town Montreal Province, etc. Que.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
21	3	44	Awarded C.V.S.M. (R&C) A'A4079	27	11	42	Passed Tech Course (Supr.) 249A-5573				
21	3	44	" 1939-43 Star "	2	8	44	Passed for Idg. Stwd. (file)				

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.				BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES							
Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
Day	Month	Year					Day	Month	Year		

O.H.F. Received.

FILM
 NO. WAR 5699-7-
 DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
 From To



V45330 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME (Surname) PRESSNER (Given Names) Edward

OFFICIAL NUMBER V45330

P.I.B.

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
HMCS MONTREAL	Steward Prob.	14	8	42	Div. Str. Montreal.	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	42							
" "	"	28	8	42	Active Service D.L. 29.8.42	V.G.	Sat.	31	12	43							
" York	"	31	8	42	D.L. 29.8.42	V.G.	Sat.	25	10	44							
" Naden	"	24	10	42	DL #26												
Stadacona	"	31	11	42	D.R.D. Esq. #190.												
Andre Dupre.	"	18	12	42	D.R.D. #H-210.												
Stadacona	"	5	1	43	HDO 18050												
	Steward	27	8	42	Rated (249A/28914) Bk. Dated												
St. Clair	"	3	12	43	DRD H-3418												
Stadacona	"	1	2	44	DRD 53 p-3												
Skeena	"	1	3	44	DRD S/88 p-8 Note - 1.4.44												
DISCHARGED	"	25	10	44	"Dead" per Casualty List												

GENERAL REMARKS

DIED DUE TO DROWNING (BODY RECOVERED)

Canadian Memorial Cross awarded to:
 Mother: Mrs. Victoria Pressner,
 1592 Centre Street,
 MONTREAL, Que. to date
 25th November, 1944.

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH	CIVIL OCCU.	RELIED	PERM. RESIDENCE	PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT					
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GTOW	P.	CTY.	TOWN	SERV. DIV.	A	BR	RANK
21	9	21	11	780	0	104	2	23	02	0	09	0	21
ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHP OR	RANK OR RATE		
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK
14	08	42	28	08	42					043D	0	21	94
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB	M	CODED			CHECKED				
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.							
27	08	42	13	00	00								

VERIFICATION FOR
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

NAME IN FULL *PRESSNER Edward Julian* RANK/RATING *Stwd*

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUAL	
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO
	27-8-42					
<i>André Dupré</i>	<i>15-12-42</i>	<i>4-1-43</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>atl.</i>		
<i>St-Clair</i>	<i>12-6-43</i>	<i>26-12-43</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>atl</i>		
<i>Speena</i>	<i>1-3-44</i>	<i>25-10-44</i>	<i>239</i>	<i>atl. 71-9.</i>		
<i>Dis Dead (Speena)</i>						
<i>To date</i>		<i>25-10-44</i>				

VERIFIED BY *C. M. Wright*

VERIFIED BY

VERIFICATION FORM
 DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
 GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAMING *Stard* OFF. NO. *V 45330* ADDRESS

QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS						STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF
FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE	CLASP C.V.S.M.			
						1939-45	1	<i>Star</i>
						ATLANTIC	2	
						FRANCE G.	1	<i>& Clasp</i>
						AFRICA		
						PACIFIC		
						BURMA		
						ITALY		
						DEFENCE		
						C.V.S.M.	2	<i>& Clasp</i>
						" CLASP		
						WAR 1945	1	<i>Medal</i>
						WAR 1915		

VERIFIED BY *C. Marshall*
GE

P. A.	
NAVAL TREASURY	
DATE.....	<i>[Signature]</i>
INITIAL.....	Sir: <i>[Signature]</i>

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
- Naval Service -
Ottawa, Canada.

2024631

..... 7 November, 1944.
(Date)

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME	RANK or RATING	NAVAL NO.
<u>PRESSNER, Edward</u>	<u>Steward</u>	<u>V-45330, R.C.N.V.R.</u>

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - 14th August, 1942. Active Service: 28 August, 1942.

DATE OF DISCHARGE - 25th October, 1944.

HOSPITAL - _____
(If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & .N.H.)

SERVICE - Canada and High Seas.
(Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and the high seas or elsewhere.)

Reason for discharge and - "DEAD". Died due to drowning. Body recovered and
when and where any disability identified near Reykjavik Harbour, Iceland.
was incurred, or where death occurred.

(Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action, accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or elsewhere outside Canada.)

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

RELATIONSHIP - Mother NAME - Mrs. Victoria Pressner,

ADDRESS - 1492 Centre Street, Montreal, Que.

NOTE: If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order, the Separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

FORM "A" RESPECTING THE ABOVE NAMED HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED. PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DETAILS OF MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE, DEPENDENT'S ALLOWANCE, etc.



Department of National Defence

Naval Service

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. N.S. V-45330 Pers. (N)

OTTAWA, Ont., 7 November, 1944.

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copy

Sir:

In accordance with Naval Order No. 839, it is notified for your information that the following casualty in the Naval Forces of Canada has been reported:

<u>NAME, RANK/RATING NO.</u>	<u>PLACE, DATE & CAUSE of DEATH</u>	<u>NEXT OF KIN</u>
PRESSNER, Edward, Steward, O.N. V-45330, R.C.N.V.R.	Died due to drowning on the 25th of October, 1944. Body recovered and identi- fied near Reykjavik Harbour, Iceland.	Mother: Mrs. Victoria Pressner, 1592 Centre Street, Montreal, Que.

ALLOTMENTS IN FORCE

<u>In favour of</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Initials.</u>
Mrs Victoria Pressner,	\$40.00 A.P.	: LV
Rec. Gen. of Canada. 6th V.L.	\$8.40	: LV

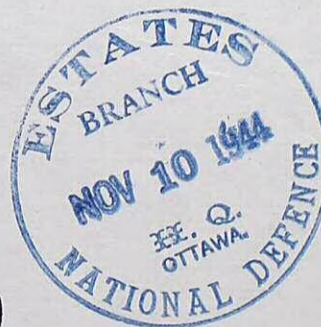
WILL: No record.

Yours truly,

[Handwritten signature]

for
SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Administrator of Estates,
Estates Branch,
Department of National Defence,
O T T A W A.



LA/C

REGISTERED
AIR MAIL

N.S. V-45330 PERS. (N)

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31 October, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Pressner:

It is with deepest regret that I must confirm the telegram of the 30th of October, 1944, from the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, informing you that your son, Edward Pressner, Steward, Official Number V-45330, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, has died due to drowning.

According to the report received from overseas, your son's death occurred on the 25th of October, 1944, due to heavy weather. His body was recovered and identified near Reykjavik Harbour, Iceland.

Steward Pressner's burial took place on the 28th of October at Fossveogu Cemetery, Reykjavik, Iceland, with full naval honours.

It is requested that, for security reasons, you regard the name and whereabouts of your son's ship, in connection with his death, as confidential.

Please allow me to express sincere sympathy with you in your bereavement on behalf of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy, the high traditions of which your son has helped to maintain.

Yours sincerely,

Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Date 2/11/44
Time 18 00

Mrs. Victoria Pressner,
1592 Centre St.,
Montreal, Que.

Approved
by [Signature]

V-45330

H.M.C.S. "SKEENA".

8th November

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Dear Mrs Pressner,

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Please accept my sincere sympathy and condolence in the loss of your very gallant son Edward.

On the nights of the 24th and 25th October, 1944, H.M.C.S. "SKEENA" stranded on the rocks during a very severe gale. Your son was one of those who lost his life while trying to get a line ashore from the ship and thus permit the remainder of his shipmates to leave the ship in safety. The example of heroism and sacrifice he gave to us is an inspiration to carry on to the end - and may it be so to you also.

During recent months it has been my privilege to have your son serving under my command in several actions with the enemy forces. He has been a great credit to you, himself and his country.

Edward was interred in a military cemetery with full military honours by his shipmates and friends from other ships of his Flotilla. Photographs of the procession and service will be sent to you as soon as they are ready.

A parcel containing some personal effects will be sent to you separately.

I should also like you to know that those of us in "SKEENA" and the other Canadian ships of our Flotilla will send a contribution to financially assist you. There is so very little we can do to help you in your great loss, but this we hope you will accept as a token in honour of your son.

Yours sincerely,

CHECKED IN BY

PAR

.....
(P. F. X. RUSSELL).
A/LIEUT. COMMANDER (A/S) R.C.N.

Mrs PRESSNER,
1592 Centre Street,
Montreal, Queb.

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N.S. V-45330, PERS. (N)

18 November, 1944.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that according to official information Edward Julian Pressner, Steward, Official Number V-45330, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, drowned, due to severe weather conditions, on the 25th of October, 1944. His body was recovered and identified near Reykjavik Harbour, Iceland.


SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.


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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DECEASED 25 October 1944

AWARDS NAVY

WAR SERVICE RECORDS
D.D.

PRESSNER Edward Julian

V-45330

Stwd.

FILE No.

SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)

CHRISTIAN NAMES

REG. No.

RANK ON
DISCHARGE

C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)

No.

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS

REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED

1939-45 Star

Fr. Ger. Star & Clasp

C.V.S.M. & Clasp

War Medal

7183

1-4-50

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

RCNVR "SKEENA" Sept./45.

29/3/50

(1) MEDALS
PERSON

Mrs. J. Pressner, (mother)

ENTITLED TO ~~Mr. Joseph Pressner~~ - Father (deceased),

ADDRESS:

1592 Centre Street,
Montreal, Que.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER

Mrs. Victoria Pressner

ADDRESS:

1592 Centre Street
MONTREAL, Que.

MEMORIAL BAR

DATE DESP.....

(2)

REGN. NO.....

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(3) 25 November 1944